



Travel To and From Capitol Grounds for Essential Business

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The Office of Attending Physician and the Committee on House Administration have provided guidance to Members and staff emphasizing the need for social distancing and encouraging Members and staff to avoid large gatherings and to activate telework procedures.

On March 30, 2020 the Governors of Maryland and Virginia, and the Mayor of the District of Columbia, issued Executive Orders requiring all persons to stay at home and maintain proper social distancing in order to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

In order to comply with these Executive Orders, individuals should only leave their residence for essential reasons specified in the Governors' and Mayor's orders such as to obtain necessary medical care, food or if they work in a capacity that has been deemed essential and cannot telework.

In the event a Member or staff member cannot telework and finds it necessary to have to travel to the Capitol Complex, the United States Capitol Police has already communicated to all local law enforcement agencies the essential nature and responsibility of the legislative branch under Article I of the U.S. Constitution.

For your health and safety, and for the health and safety of those around you, I encourage you to stay at home and telework where possible. However, if you must access your office or place of work, the United States Capitol Police advisory in conjunction with the text of the Governors' and Mayor's orders will permit everyone who is required to travel or commute for work to be able to do so.